

# PATROL NEWS

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"OVER 75 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



**Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel**  
**February 8, 1963 – October 15, 2010**

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# Superintendent's Message

Colonel Ron Reogle



## *Sergeant Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel: A True Hero*

On Friday, October 15, 2010, at approximately 11:10 a.m., the state of Missouri and the Missouri State Highway Patrol lost a great friend and true hero when Sergeant Joe Schuengel died in a helicopter crash in St. Louis County, Missouri, near the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield. Joe had just completed a traffic enforcement flight in Jefferson County and was en route back to the airport when he crashed just 1 1/4 miles from the airport.

I was off-duty that morning near Springfield when I was notified of the crash. I immediately flew to St. Louis from Troop D and arrived at the crash site a few hours after the crash. Once arriving at the crash site, it became very apparent to me that Joe did everything humanly possible to bring his crippled helicopter down in an area so as not to threaten the lives of anyone on the ground. While experiencing problems, he flew the MSHP helicopter over a crowded high school and numerous houses in a residential area in an attempt to make an emergency landing on a city street. In doing so, he lost power short of his intended landing site, crashed into the street, and was killed instantly. I am confident that there were other possible landing areas that might have been more advantageous for Joe and his personal safety, but those options would have put other lives on the ground in jeopardy.

Webster's Dictionary describes a hero as one who watches over or protects. The sign of a true hero is one placing his own life at risk to protect others. That is exactly what Joe did that morning. By placing his own life at risk, he ensured that no one else was hurt or injured when his helicopter fell from the sky.

I recall visiting with Joe on the morning of the Troop C troop meeting on October 5, just 10 days before his crash. Joe was his usual big smiling self, and quickly offered a hearty handshake and a word of encouragement to me in my new position as colonel. I never thought it would be the last time I would see or talk to Joe. You see, we take those type meetings for granted, assuming we will see each other again. Life is truly very short and can be taken from us in an instant.

Joe will be greatly missed by his Patrol and immediate family. Please continue to keep his mother, Georgiana, and sisters, Barb, Sue, and Adrienne in your thoughts and prayers. Joe, may you rest in peace, and thank you for your selfless service to the Patrol and the citizens of this great state.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Reogle".

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## Cover

*Sergeant Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel made the Ultimate Sacrifice on October 15, 2010. See tributes to Sgt. Schuengel on pages 16-21. (above photos) These pictures were taken in 1993 and show Recruit Joe Schuengel, other members of the 66th Recruit Class, and then-Sergeant Kathy A. Frazier, Q/TND.*

# MADD National Names MSHP Top Agency

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On Saturday, September 25, Colonel Ron Replogle (Q/Staff), Lieutenant Paul D. Kerperin (Q/FOB), Sergeant Blaine L. Adams (Troop E) and Trooper John L. Mason (Troop D) traveled to Washington, D.C., as guests of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers' National Office. Sergeant Jeffrey G. Noack, Q/AD, served as their pilot. Lt. Sarah Eberhard, Q/DDCC, who is currently on a six month assignment with the FBI Police Executive Fellowship Program at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., also attended.

About 1,000 people from across the nation attended MADD's national conference at the Gateway Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, VA. MADD takes this opportunity to recognize volunteers and professionals who work hard to further the organization's mission. MADD named the Missouri State Highway Patrol its 2010 Outstanding Enforcement Agency.

During the banquet and awards ceremony, a recording of the nomination by Bud Balke, MADD Missouri, was played. There was also a video clip of congratulations from Gov. Jay Nixon during the presentation.

"I was honored to attend," said Lt. Paul Kerperin, Q/FOB, "MADD continues to work toward tougher laws regarding impaired driving. They are great at assisting victims of impaired drivers, and unfortunately, their services are called upon too often."

MADD cited the Patrol's long history of leadership in enforcement, support of victims, and other efforts to fight drunk driving.

"The Missouri State Highway Patrol was recognized for its national leadership in working to stop the 100 percent preventable problem of drunk driving," said MADD National President Laura Dean-Mooney.

In 2009 alone, Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers made 9,427 DWI arrests. Also last year, the Patrol conducted 62 sobriety checkpoints across Missouri, checking more than 22,200 vehicles for intoxicated drivers,



*MADD National President Laura Dean-Mooney presented that organization's top award to Lt. Paul Kerperin (Q/FOB), Colonel Ron Replogle (Q/Staff), Tpr. John L. Mason (Troop D), and Sgt. Blaine L. Adams (Troop E), during their conference in Washington, D.C. (front) Lt. Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/DDCC, who is currently on assignment with the FBI in Washington, D.C., also attended.*

and arresting a total of 263 drivers for driving while intoxicated during checkpoint operations. Since MADD's founding in 1980, the Missouri State Highway Patrol has made almost 285,000 DWI arrests. The Patrol is also a leader in its victim advocacy program, which works to assist DWI and other victims. Since the advocacy program's inception in 1997, it has served victims in every county in Missouri. Troopers also take the message of the dangers of drinking and driving directly to young people, with programs in schools designed to prevent dangerous behavior before it starts.

"It is a tremendous honor to receive this award from MADD," said Colonel Replogle. "I thank MADD's national leadership for recognizing the commitment of all of our troopers, and our friends at MADD Missouri for nominating the Patrol. Our troopers understand the importance of protecting society from drunk drivers, because all too often they see the terrible impact drunk driving has. Our commitment to fighting this problem will never waver."

*(Congratulations to Mr. Bud Balke, MADD Missouri, who was honored with the Mickey Sadoff Drunk Driving*

*award. This is one of the highest honors bestowed by MADD National. It is named after the organization's fourth national president. MADD Missouri volunteer Linda Ketchum, St. Charles, MO, was posthumously awarded the Brenda Altman Victim Services award. Rocky Gitlin, St. Louis, MO, accepted the National Court Monitor award.)*

## K2

On August 28, 2010, Missouri House Bill 1472 effectively amended Section 195.017 RSMo. to include the compound found in the synthetic marijuana brand "K2" (1-pentyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole) on the state's list of Schedule I controlled substances.

*(Reprinted from the CJIS/MULES Newsletter 10-03.)*

# xWave Trains Patrol Employees

*MVI III Charles G. Mc Millan, Troop D*

Although it sounds like a new gaming system that young people would go buy at a Best Buy, xWave is actually a company in Ottawa, Canada. The Patrol awarded xWave the contract to replace its current Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. This new xWave system will allow radio operators and officers to exchange more information, enhance officer safety, and improve our service to the public.

Along with a new company and new CAD system came new terminology. In addition, the new system provides each operator with a map tracking Patrol vehicles, where previously there was one screen shared in each troop's communication center.

Communications Operator III Todd M. Cooper and Assistant Chief Communications Operator Katrina D. Gregg, both Troop D, spent six days at General Headquarters in Jefferson City with operators from all the troops learn-



*Comm. Oper. III Todd C. Cooper (middle) provides training on the new xWave system to Chief Oper. Michael C. Markley (front) and Comm. Oper. II Gerald D. Leigh at Troop D Headquarters.*

ing the new CAD system. The chief trainer from xWave introduced the system and prepared the operators to return to their respective troops and train others.

Comm. Oper. III Cooper said that they were allowed to make suggestions to tailor the system to Troop D's needs as the course was being presented. At the troop, Comm. Oper. III Cooper presented the new system in blocks, which allowed time for the new users to digest the material. Approximately 32 hours of

training will be given to each operator.

Communications Operator II Robert P. Larimer was able to attend a later session, which lasted four days. The system is expected to go online in July 2011. At that time, they will switch completely to the new system.

The xWave CAD is used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is the first entity to use the system in the United States.

## Family Donates Tree To Remember Ret. Lt. Erickson

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On October 20, 2010, Marsha Belvo, of Rolla, MO, and Earleen Corn, of Poquoson, VA, daughters of retired Lieutenant Earl E. Erickson, donated a beautiful maple tree to Troop B. The tree was placed on the west lawn of Troop B Headquarters in memory of their father, who had spent the majority of his Patrol career stationed in the Troop B area.

Lt. Erickson was a native of Hannibal, MO, and graduated from Hannibal High School in 1940. He was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1946. After completing the Patrol Academy in Cuivre River (Troy), MO, he was assigned to Troop D, and worked in Springfield and Neosho. On December 1, 1949, he transferred to Troop B and was stationed in Moberly, and later transferred to Macon. He was

promoted to sergeant on February 1, 1959, and served as the supervisor of commercial motor vehicle enforcement. On December 1, 1972, he was promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Troop I, Rolla, where he served until June 1, 1981, when he retired. Retired Lt. Erickson died on June 9, 2008 at the age of 85.

"Our father had many wonderful memories of working in the Troop B area," said Marsha Belvo. "We wanted to donate the maple tree to recognize his service to the Troop B area and the state of Missouri."

In the near future, a plaque will be placed next to the tree.

*Employees from a local nursery plant this beautiful maple tree on the grounds of Troop B Headquarters. The tree was donated by the family of retired Lt. Earl Erickson.*



# Academy Recognizes J.W. Wright

By Sgt. Kirk A. Davis, Q/TND

On September 9, Captain David P. Perkins, Q-TND, presented Mr. J.W. Wright with a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated effort in assisting the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy with developing and maintaining a cutting-edge, ground fighting program. Recognizing that a ground fighting situation is one of the most dangerous events a police officer can experience, the Academy defensive tactics staff has worked closely with Mr. Wright in order to ensure that officers are exposed to the most contemporary ground fighting training available. Mr. Wright holds a black belt in Gracie Jiu-Jitsu under the legendary Royler Gracie. Mr. Wright is also a 2010 Pan American Jiu-Jitsu champion. While visiting the Academy, he took time to address the members of the 92nd Recruit Class. Emphasizing the importance of ground fighting as it relates to officer survival, Mr. Wright told the class, "The ground fighting training you receive here at the Academy is going to allow you to survive on the street. I'm honored to be in a position to help keep troopers safe."



Capt. David P. Perkins, Q/TND, recognizes Mr. J.W. Wright's assistance to the Academy's ground fighting program with a certificate of appreciation.

## 2010 USEOW – St. Louis

By Public Information and Education Division

The Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted the 2010 Uniformed Safety Education Officers' Workshop (USEOW) at the Drury Inn in St. Louis. Twelve states were represented by 116 attendees. Presentations included a variety of traffic and public safety issues. Public information officers from each state presented their best program in a competition among the

states. The Mississippi Highway Patrol won the Hale Award for best traffic safety program. The Iowa State Patrol won the award for the best public safety program. Attendees had the opportunity to visit several St. Louis landmarks during the week. The conference concluded with a banquet featuring guest speaker Mr. Mike Kelly, known throughout the Midwest as the "Voice

of the Missouri Tigers". Mr. Kelly spoke about the Segways For Vets program that provides these transportation devices to soldiers who have been injured in combat. USEOW presented a check for \$1,000 to Mr. Kelly for this special program. For more information about this project, visit [www.segs4vets.com](http://www.segs4vets.com). The American Association of State Troopers (AASTPR) has provided much appreciated financial support to the USEOW, an annual conference, for the past several years. The 2011 USEOW conference will be hosted by Kentucky State Police.



USEOW attendees are pictured standing at the base of the St. Louis Arch.

# Spotlight

## Tpr. Ryan S. Smith



**Appointed:** January 18, 2004.

**First Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 5, Adair/Schuylerville Counties.

**Current Assignment:** Troop A, Zone 13, Pettis County.

**Family:** Tpr. Smith is married. (His wife's name is Lindsey.)

**Interests:** When he isn't working, Tpr. Smith enjoys motorcycle riding, weight lifting, and crappie fishing.

Tpr. Smith graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 2001. He earned an associate's of arts degree from State Fair Community College in 2003, and associate's of applied science degree from Mineral Area Community College in 2004.

"My first assignment was in Schuyler County, and I remember how cold it was living seven miles south of the Iowa state line. I lived in Lancaster, MO, and most of the time I was the only trooper living in the county," said Tpr. Smith. "Lucky for me, I had great neighbors across the street, Robert and Sharon Harrison (parents of Sgt. Craig Harrison), who took good care of me. While assigned to Troop B, I was part of the Hells Angel detail assignment at Osage Beach and Missouri State Fair detail in 2005. Within my first year on the Patrol, our zone worked two plane crashes, which killed a total of 16 people. As a new trooper, I could not believe there were all these horrible plane crashes. In May 2006, I transferred

to Troop A, Zone 10, Saline County. I worked Saline County for six months. I was glad to get an opportunity to work in an interstate zone. It exposed me to a lot in the short period I was working Interstate 70. In November 2006, I transferred to Troop A, Zone 13, Pettis County, where I am currently assigned. I enjoy living back in my hometown and working as a trooper."

## Clerk Typist III Brenda F. Eldridge



**Appointed:** April 8, 2008.

**First Assignment:** Clerk Typist II, Troop A, Lee's Summit, MO.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:**

Clerk Typist III – May 4, 2008.

**Current Assignment:** Clerk Typist III (Uniform Citations), Troop A, Lee's Summit, MO.

**Family:** Brenda has two adult sons and one 11-year-old granddaughter.

**Interests:** When she isn't working, Brenda enjoys traveling. "My goal is to visit every state at least once and as many countries as possible. So far, I have only made 10 national and five international trips. My dream job would be a job that paid me to travel." She also enjoys reading murder mysteries, suspense novels, and autobiographies. Brenda plans to start Spanish lessons in January 2011.

Brenda graduated from Paseo High School in Kansas City, MO, in

1971. She earned a bachelor's of arts degree in business administration/business management in 2007. In 2009, she earned her master's degree in business administration. Prior to working for the Patrol, she retired from Sprint Telecommunications, where she worked as a secretary, documentation analyst, and software engineer during 31 years of dedicated service.

"I have always had an interest in criminal justice," said Brenda. "I am just fascinated with true life crime programs such as "Investigative Reports", "Forensic Files", "Dateline on ID", "Snapped", etc. Since coming to work for the MSHP, I have had a chance to see how the segments of the criminal justice process fit together, recognize and understand the progressive nature of criminal offenses (i.e. infraction, misdemeanor, felony), and observe the human and personal side of law enforcement. It is quite a difference to see an officer on the side of the road and just think "cop" versus seeing an officer you have engaged in conversation regarding family and friends and know him to be a caring individual. The officers and other wonderful people in the office help keep the job interesting and rewarding. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with them!"

## December

Dec. 3

Dec. 7

Dec. 12

Dec. 25

Dec. 25

Dec. 31

• **Tpr. F.L. Walker** died in 1941.

• **Tpr. V.O. Dosing** died in 1941.

• **Tpr. R.S. Creach** died in 1943.

• **Christmas Day.**

• **Cpl. D.E. Engelhard** died in 2009.

• **New Year's Eve.**

# Spotlight

## Lt. Paul D. Kerperin



**Appointed:** July 1, 1995.

**First Assignment:** Troop F, Zone 2, Cole, Osage, & Callaway Counties.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Corporal – August 1, 2000; Sergeant – June 24, 2007; Lieutenant – July 1, 2010.

**Current Assignment:** Field Operations Bureau, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Family:** Paul is married to Shauna, and they have three children: Kallie, 12, Kasey, 10, and Brady, 5.

**Interests:** Paul enjoys coaching his children in various sports, running, biking, weight lifting, and watching sports, especially high school football.

Paul grew up in Taos, MO. In 1990, he graduated from Blair Oaks High School. In 1994, he earned a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice, from Lincoln University, in Jefferson City. Prior to joining the Patrol, Paul was a deputy with the Cole County Sheriff's Department.

When he is not working, Paul loves spending time with his family. He is also the volunteer track and cross country coach for St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, where his two daughters attend. Paul has also coached Tee-ball, which he described as being

a satisfying and frustrating experience all at one time. In 2009, on his 37th birthday, he completed the Go St. Louis Half Marathon, and he recently completed a single-day, 100-mile bike ride as part of the MS 150 charity bike ride.

Operator III – December 28, 2003; Computer Information Technologist I – April 1, 2006; and Computer Information Technologist II – May 31 2009; Computer Information Technologist III – October 31, 2010.

**Current Assignment:** Computer Information Technologist III, Information Systems Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Family:** Mike is married to Karen, and they have two children, Nicole and Ryan.

**Interests:** When he isn't working, Mike likes to lift weights, bowl, and go camping.

"I currently handle our antivirus software. I also take some of the Helpdesk calls and am administrator of Safeboot (our encryption software). Currently, my wife (Karen) works in the Traffic Division, and my brother (Jay Forbis) works in ISD. My mother worked in the Human Resources Division until her retirement in 2001. So, I guess the Forbis family thinks the Patrol is a good place to work," said Mike. "The Patrol is indeed a very special place to work, as I found out in 2002 and 2008 when I was diagnosed with cancer. I couldn't have asked for more from my co-workers. I am still very thankful for all that was done for me."



**Appointed:** December 31, 2000.

**First Assignment:** Computer Operator Trainee, Information Systems Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Computer Operator I – January 1, 2002; Computer Operator II – December 29, 2002; Computer

## Congratulations!

Captain Gregory D. Kindle, Troop F, graduated from Leadership Missouri on October 15, 2010. This seven-month leadership enhancement program was sponsored by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Thirty-two participants met from April to October 2010 in a different Missouri city and discussed specific challenges facing that community and the state. It is hoped this program will lead to a better understanding of the diverse issues facing Missouri employers, communities, and government.



*Great job, Capt. Kindle!*

*Capt. Gregory D. Kindle  
Troop F*

# History Travels Through Troop D

By Troop D

This tractor-trailer transported steel beams from the World Trade Center across the country to Kitsap County, WA. The beams will be used to construct a memorial to the heroes of September 11, 2001.



Personnel from the Jasper County Sheriff's Office (Sgt. Seth Chenault, Lt. Nathan McDonald, and Lt. Steve Dorsey, a retired MSHP sergeant) joined those from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Lt. Terry R. Moore, Cpl. Brandon Helms, CVO II Darin A. Jones, and Tpr. Robert B. Bob Byrnes) and the Patriot Guard Riders to escort World Trade Center steel beams from Mount Vernon to Duenweg, MO.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Leah Marie

Tpr. Eric R. & Mrs. Annie M.  
Kessler  
Troop G

### Natalie Sophia

Tpr. Andrew J. and Mrs. Julie L.  
Bell  
Troop A

### Brody Michael

Tpr. Paul M. and Mrs. Christie R.  
Behrens  
Troop B

### Kenadee

Tpr. Brody R. and Mrs. Lindsay K.  
Sansom  
Troop A

### Jaidyn Whitley

Tpr. Jason W. and Mrs. Ashley B.  
Philpott  
Troop I

### Brighton Andrew

Tpr. Brock A. and Mrs. Amanda L.  
Vogt  
Troop I

### Grace Kelli

Mr. Landon L. and Criminalist II Kelli E. Schuldies  
Q/CLD

### Anthony James

Tpr. James A. and Mrs. Joanna N.  
Wilson  
Troop E

### Kennedy Elle

CIT Trainee Jacob N. & Mrs. Danielle L. Hendrix  
Q/ISD

### Lincoln Allen

Recruit John R. and Mrs. Cassandra L.  
Henry  
Q/TND

### Avery June Elizabeth

Recruit Jerod J. and Mrs. Jamie L.  
Crump  
Q/TND

### Aurelia Jane

Mr. Matthew D. & Clerk Typist III  
Amanda J. Perkins  
Troop G

### Kaylee Marie

Tpr. Phillip G. & Mrs. April J. Sarakas  
Troop C

### Reid Aidan

Tpr. Danny A. & Maria A. Bickell  
Troop F

### Jackson Kent

Tpr. Aaron K. & Mrs. Whitney V.  
Griffin  
Troop H

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Kevin A. Geiger  
Captain  
Q/DE



Bradley D. Holman  
Sergeant  
Troop B



Jeffrey S. Wagoner  
Sergeant  
Troop E



Benjamin C. Jones  
Corporal  
Troop E



David L. Johnston  
Corporal  
Troop E



Adam G. McAtee  
Corporal  
Troop H



Bruce A. McLaughlin  
Corporal  
Troop F



Timothy V. Mosley  
Corporal  
Troop F



Jeffrey M. Toal  
Corporal  
Troop A



Dawn M. Moore  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop E



Lindsay M. Williams  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop F



Jennifer N. Bates  
DE II  
Troop A



Leslie L. Cannon  
Comm. Oper. III  
Troop E



Ryan C. Badresingh  
CITS II  
Q/ISD



Minette L. Baker  
DE III  
Troop C

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Sonna L. Basler  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop B



Leigh D. Bayer  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Stacey A. Bolinger  
Crim. Sprv.  
Q/CLD



Deidra N. Borgmeyer  
Lab. Evid. Tech. I  
Q/CLD



Melanie R. Branson  
AFIS Entry Oper. II  
Q/CJISD



Ray H. Brown  
DE Sprv.  
Troop A



Lance R. Cantrell  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop A



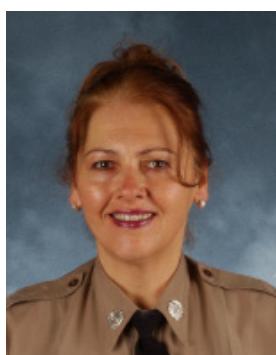
Ted A. Cates Jr.  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop A



Lesa M. Cooper  
DE II  
Troop A



Sheri L. Davidson  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop D



Teri L. Dicks  
DE Sprv.  
Troop E



Charles E. Dreppard  
DE III  
Troop C



Joseph W. Eldred  
CVE Inspector II  
Troop D



Connie L. Farris  
CITS II  
Q/ISD



Bonita L. Fouts  
CITS I  
Q/ISD

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Tina K. Gray  
DE II  
Troop A



Jamaka S. Hook  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop A



L. Rusty Jones  
CITS II  
Q/ISD



Arthur L. Luebbering  
CITS II  
Q/ISD



Karri L. Mitchell  
DE II  
Troop A



Shirley B. Moore  
DE II  
Troop C



Teri D. Moore  
DE III  
Troop D



Melissa D. Murr  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop B



Clayton M. Porter  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop A



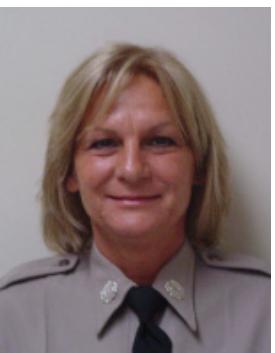
Christopher A. Renna  
CIT II  
Q/ISD



Christina M. Royster  
DE II  
Troop A



Tonya M. Schaben  
CITS II  
Q/ISD



Sharon A. Shively  
DE III  
Troop B



DeWayne R. Sickels  
DE II  
Troop F



Brian C. Sims  
DE II  
Troop C

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Matthew L. Soldan  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Levi A. Stoops  
CVE Inspector II  
Troop G



Benamen L. Towe  
CVE Inspector III  
Troop E



Garry L. Umphry  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop H



Rondia J. Wood  
DE III  
Troop G

## Voila: Instant Space!

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

Do you need more room? Who doesn't? Both Troops D and I were recent recipients of a Conex storage container measuring 40 feet long, eight feet wide, and over nine feet high. Each container is customized with a personnel door and a ventilation system.

It was amazing to watch this humongous trailer carefully back into place and then the truck driver jumps out of the truck with what looks like a game controller. He pushes a button, and the trailer tips skyward—quickly, not slow as I would expect. It's cool! The trailer

begins to slide toward the ground due to the pull of gravity. The driver controls its descent with the "game controller", carefully easing it to a gentle landing.

A couple of leveling blocks are strategically placed and ... voila! It is in place.

(Funds to purchase these containers came from drug forfeitures.)



This Conex storage container will provide much needed space to store evidence at Troop D.

# New Employees



Amanda D. Wheatley  
DE Clerk II  
Troop E



J. Kasey Holmes  
Quality Control Clerk II  
Q/TFD



Sandra M. Gabelsberger  
Clerk Typist III  
Troop F



Christy R.  
Handshy-Feeler  
DE I  
Troop A



Justin M. Owens  
Criminalist I  
Q/CLD

## Sex Offender E-mail Alert System Launched

In October 2010, Colonel Ron Reppogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announced the agency launched a new e-mail alert system that allows the public to receive automatic notifications regarding registered sexual offenders living or working in their area. The "Sex Offender Community Notification Program" allows members of the public to sign up for e-mail notifications regarding changes in addresses or work locations of registered sexual offenders in their area. Users can sign up for two different types of e-mail notifications. In both cases, those who sign up will receive e-mails within 24 hours of a change to a designated sex offender's address within the state registry. The program may be accessed by clicking on the "E-mail Alerts" icon on the Sex Offender Registry web site located at <http://www.msdp.dps.missouri.gov/CJ38/search.jsp>.

### Community Notification options include:

**Notification by address:** Allows users to enter up to five physical addresses to track. The user simply selects a radius around each address—from 500 feet up to five miles. If at any time a sexual offender registers a home, work, or school address located within the user's selected radius, an e-mail notification will be sent alerting the user of the sex offender's new registration information.

**Notification by offender:** Allows users to track a specific sexual offender regardless of the proximity of that offender to any given address. If this notification option is selected, the user will receive an alert e-mail anytime the selected offender changes their registered home, work, or school address. Up to five separate sexual offenders may be tracked at any single time utilizing this option.

The Missouri Sex Offender Registry was created in January 1995 in accordance to standards set by the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act. Following the passage of this act, other state and federal legislation, such as "Megan's Law" and the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, further strengthened the ability of law enforcement to provide public notification services concerning registered sexual offenders.

The Missouri Sex Offender Registry's web site went on-line in May 2004, initially as a listing of sex offenders, designated by county. In September 2005, it was enhanced to include a searchable database, offender photos, and basic mapping features. It has since been enhanced to include greater detailed mapping and a listing of the Missouri offenders who have absconded from their reporting requirements.

# 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of August 26, 2010 to October 29, 2010. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)

## Troop A

Cpl. A.V. Dillon, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.P. Fennewald, 2 arrests\*  
CVO Sprv. I A.D. Steele, 1 assist\*  
Sgt. D.S. Green, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Harrison, 2 arrests  
Sgt. D.J. Hedrick, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.N. Morey, 3 arrests  
Tpr. L.K. Nelson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. G.D. Primmm, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.W. Scotten, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. Sullivan, 4 arrests  
Cpl. C.A. Taibi, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.M. Toal, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.R. Vivas, 2 arrests  
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 2 arrests

## Troop B

Cpl. R.H. Bartels, 2 arrests  
Sgt. N.D. Berry, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. C.M. Duppong, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.E. Easley, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.R. Fenton, 1 arrest  
Cpl. E.L. Grissom, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.J. Haley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.T. Johnson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.M. Mattingly, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.W. Walton, 1 arrest

## Troop C

Tpr. B.M. Beard, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.D. Bengston, 3 arrests  
Cpl. N.C. Benson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.M. Bishop, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests

Tpr. A.S. Craig, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Diffee, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Fieser, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. McCurdy, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.A. Metteer, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.E. Reynolds, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Rutledge, 1 arrest  
Cpl. W.B. Sevier, 6 arrests  
Tpr. L.A. Turner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.M. VanWinkle, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.L. Watson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Whittler, 1 arrest

## Troop D

Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.C. Clark, 1 arrest  
Sgt. S.W. Crouch, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Gertson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 4 arrests  
Tpr. A. Sandoval, 1 arrest

## Troop E

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests  
Cpl. J.N. Crites, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 3 arrests  
Cpl. B.C. Jones, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.A. Lacey, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 5 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Templemire, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.L. Wheeles, 1 arrest

## Troop F

Tpr. N.J. Borgmeyer, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.J. Broniec, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 4 arrests  
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Cpl. B.A. McLaughlin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.E. Morice, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Paulsen, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.D. Stegman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.K. Talburt, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.R. Tinnin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.L. West, 2 arrests

## Troop G

Tpr. S.M. Dougherty, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Pounds, 2 arrests  
Tpr. P.R. Wells, 2 arrests

## Troop H

Tpr. J.C. Acree, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.B. Heintz, 2 arrests  
Cpl. M.R. Heits, 2 arrests  
Cpl. A. A. Henry, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 3 arrests  
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Johnson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.G. McAtee, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.E. Peabody, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M. Starmer, 5 arrests  
Tpr. A.J. Webb, 2 arrests

## Troop I

Tpr. M.A. Goodson, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.L. McCullough, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.T. Peart, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.A. Stallcup, 1 arrest

## Family, Friends, Coworkers Mourn Sgt. Joseph G. Schuengel

*On Friday, October 15, 2010, at approximately 11:10 a.m. Sergeant Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel, a pilot for Troop C, Weldon Spring, was returning to Spirit of St. Louis Airport after completing an aircraft speed enforcement operation in Jefferson County when the Bell Jet Ranger helicopter he was piloting crashed near the intersection of Clarkson and Kehrs Mill Road, in St. Louis County. Sgt. Schuengel was pronounced dead at the scene. He is survived by his mother and three sisters. Sgt. Schuengel is the 29th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to die in the line of duty.*

An estimated 2,300 family members, friends, and coworkers gathered to mourn the loss of Missouri State Highway Patrol Sergeant Joe Schuengel at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. Services took place at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, in St. Louis, MO.

The service paid tribute to Sgt. Schuengel with stories shared by family members, friends, and coworkers. Among those paying tribute to him was Missouri Governor Jay Nixon.

"We know the pain of losing a brother, a man who lived life to the fullest in service to others ... and, we share it," said Governor Nixon. "But, we also take heart from that exemplary life. Even as we mourn this tragic loss, we are lifted up by Joe's spirit and courage." Governor Nixon also thanked all Missouri state troopers for the work they do every day.

After the funeral, the congregation participated in a procession to Resurrection Cemetery. A bagpipe tribute played by members of the St. Louis County Police Department and Chief Operator Roger M. Heard, Troop H, greeted everyone as they assembled at the cemetery. Following a few remarks

from Father James Gray, pastor of Immaculate Conception, in Maple Wood (parish of Joe's mother), and Father Leo Spezia, Patrol chaplain, a flag-folding ceremony took place. Colonel Ronald K. Replogle, superintendent of the Patrol, presented this Missouri flag to Sgt. Schuengel's mother, Georgiana Schuengel.

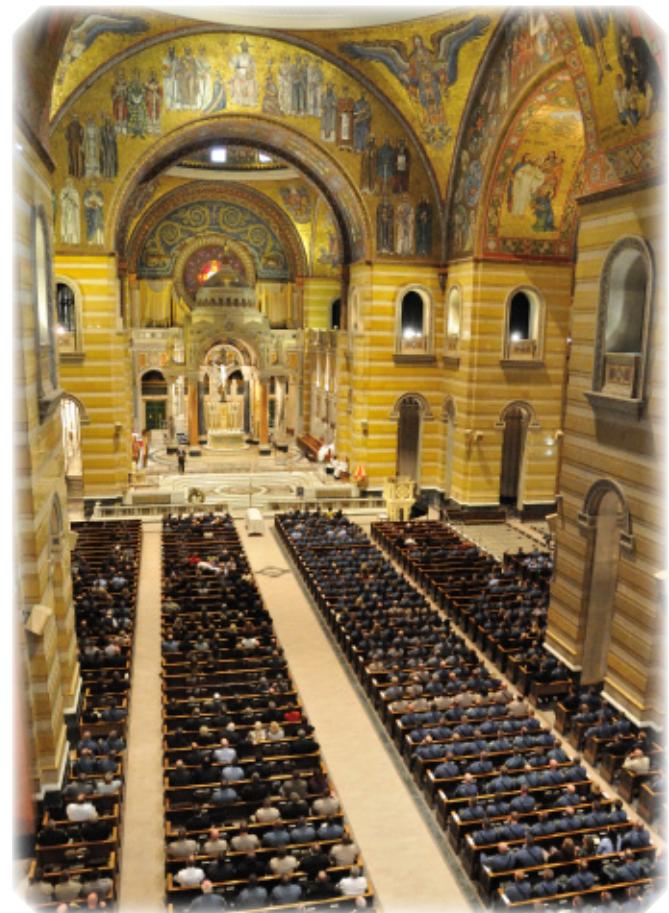
The lonely notes of "Taps" were played and an aircraft flyover was conducted. All law enforcement officers stood at attention for a final radio call of 10-42, to mark the end of Sergeant Schuengel's watch.

"The Patrol family and the state of Missouri has suffered a tremendous loss," said Col. Ronald K. Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. "We mourn with Joe's family and co-workers. Our continued thoughts and prayers are extended to the Schuengel family."

*Friends and family gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis to mourn the loss of Sgt. Joseph G. Schuengel.*



Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel



# te Sacrifice

## Sgt. Joe Schuengel: A Giant With A Big Heart

*By Sgt. David K. Striegel, Q/AD*

Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel: A man of integrity and honor, a man of dedication, pride, and friendliness. Those are only a few of the many words all of us who knew Joe could use to describe him.

Joe has been a close friend of mine since 2004, when I was assigned to be

his flight instructor for the helicopter. During his six weeks of flight training, his motivation to learn could never be questioned. He always arrived at the hangar ready to ask and answer questions, learn about the helicopter, and fly. He always had that positive attitude that would carry

over to other people. Joe was one of those pilots who strived for perfection in his flying. During training, he always wanted to try "one more approach and landing" before we quit for the day. On several occasions, I finally had to say, "Joe, it's just time to go in. We'll be back out here tomorrow." Joe always wanted to "keep going" so he could get better and better at his chosen profession. After he passed his FAA

checkride, I could see the satisfaction on his face through that big smile we are all familiar with. His checkride had gone well and he was proud of his ac-



*Corporal Gary C. Swartz, Troop C, presents the Missouri flag from Sgt. Schuengel's casket to Col. Ron Replogle.*

complishment. To this day, one of the most rewarding flight assignments I received was training Joe in the helicopter. Not just because of the flying, but because Joe was such a good man to be around. He was a man with an impeccable work ethic.

**Please allow me to share what other members of the Aircraft Division said about Joe:**

*By Lt. Gregory L. Word, Q/AD*

In the law enforcement profession impressions are made quickly of individuals we meet—individuals we meet during the course of a professional enforcement environment or the meeting of a peer during our professional careers. One such distinct memory took place several years ago when then-Corporal Joe Schuengel interviewed for an open pilot position in Troop C. Cpl. Schuengel appeared larger than life when he first entered the door and introduced himself to me for our first meeting. He had broad shoulders, a squared



*Pallbearers included Lt. Phillip E. Gregory, Q/DDCC, Sgt. Henry W. Moore, Q/GD, Sgt. Harold E. Smith, Troop C, Cpl. Michael E. Broniec, Troop C, Cpl. Jeffery B. Myers, Q/GD, and Tpr. David C. Dinges, Troop C.*



*Mourners gathered at Resurrection Cemetery after the funeral.*

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jaw, a barrel chest, strong rough hands, and a ruddy complexion. My silent thoughts were, "I better behave myself with this giant of a man or the interviewer could quickly become the subject of the no-nonsense intensity of right and wrong Cpl. Schuengel projected!" But, as the interview continued it quickly became apparent that Cpl. Schuengel was a man of contemplative thoughts, wisdom and deep insight to his career goals, and the desire to do the best job possible for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. As a result of those impressions, the interview board easily recommended Cpl. Schuengel for selection as Troop C's new full-time pilot.

Goals and objectives were given to Cpl. Schuengel for him to meet before taking on the tasks and responsibilities of being Troop C's full-time pilot. He tackled the assignments with gusto and accomplished each assigned goal and objective, and became a very productive and successful law enforcement pilot.

Recently, after being promoted to sergeant in his current position, he applied for, interviewed for, and was selected to fill a vacancy in General Headquarters' Aircraft Division. Sgt. Schuengel reported to Jefferson City and applied himself to this new assign-

ment with the same dedication and gusto that made him successful as Troop C's pilot. But, something with a bigger calling, a higher degree of importance than improving his career for his personal satisfaction was calling Sgt. Schuengel back to his former troop.

This calling was his unselfish desire and commitment to provide the care and attention that he wanted and needed to provide to his mother. Sgt. Schuengel worried, fretted, and pondered deeply the decision to return to Troop C. Not from the standpoint of regret that he was going back to support his family, that was never a concern for Joe. His concern wasn't whether or not it was the correct thing to do; his concern was about not being able to support his second family—members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Aircraft Division. Joe was concerned, as I came to know Joe better, that a perception would be formed of him that he was not doing his job to the best of his ability for the Patrol. Joe was deeply concerned and worried that he had disappointed me or the Patrol and let us down because of his decision to return to Troop C. I found that over the years my first impression of Joe Schuengel as a man with broad shoulders, squared jaw, barrel chest, strong rough hands, and a ruddy complexion was an accurate im-



Col. Ron Replogle offers his condolences to Sgt. Schuengel's mother, Georgiana, after presenting her with a Missouri state flag.

pression. But, my first impression failed to see underneath this rough exterior was a man with a heart larger than I realized, a man with the ability to be gentle and caring, and a giant of a man only wanting to please his peers. Joe: You did not disappoint me or let me down.

Sgt. Joseph G. Schuengel, it was an honor and a privilege to count you as a true friend. Rest in peace.

**By Sgt. Jeffrey G. Noack, Q/AD**

I flew with Joe in 2009 during his instrument flight training. This type of training is difficult and challenging. Joe was always an exceptional student—prepared, focused, motivated, and eager to 'do the extra'. He worked diligently and never complained, overcoming small setbacks with a smile. As the training progressed, an FAA checkride was scheduled. The day before this test, I discovered Joe was in pain—from an abscessed tooth. I suggested we postpone the checkride to allow him time to seek treatment and get relief. Joe refused, took the test as scheduled (in pain), and did well. I was amazed at his strength of character and firm commitment to complete the task at hand. But, for Joe, it was nothing new. In this case, he naturally did what he usually did—



Troop C members formed an honor guard as part of the funeral detail. The rifle guard included (l to r) Cpl. Jeffrey L. Wilson, Sgt. Johny L. Ellsworth, Cpl. Charlie L. Brown, and Tpr. Dallas R. Thompson.

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selflessly placed his needs second to the needs of everyone else.

By reading comments such as these, you can quickly form a picture of the type of person Joe was. He was dedicated to his career with the Patrol and dedicated to his friendships with others.

Joe was a dedicated pilot for Troop C. He always strived to have quality traffic enforcement flights in the troop and he worked to maintain a positive working relationship with the troopers. I know of many occasions when Joe stopped or canceled his personal plans to be available for a search in the helicopter. On several occasions, we needed one extra pilot in Jefferson City to meet all of our flight requests for the day. When we called him, Joe was always willing to rearrange his schedule or cancel any personal plans he had, drive to Jefferson City, and help us fulfill all of our flights for the day. That is just the way Joe was ... always giving of himself to help others.

But, there was more to Joe than being a reliable pilot for the Patrol. He also gave of himself while off duty. Beginning in 2007, Joe made a commitment to join other Patrol pilots and participate in the Polar Bear Plunge to benefit the athletes of the Special Olympics. Prior to the Plunge, Joe would gather monetary donations. He would donate his personal time and drive to Lake of the Ozarks and submerge himself in 38-degree water for the benefit of another person.

Joe loved kids. Joe's nephew described this when he spoke during Joe's funeral service. I was fortunate enough to see this firsthand, also. Over the last few years, my family shared a few meals with him when he was in Jefferson City. Joe knew how to talk to my daughters and other kids on their level, to put them at ease and make them laugh. It was hard to believe that Joe, a man as big as he was, who could handily defeat someone on the defensive tactics floor, was the same person that could put kids at ease and make them laugh.



*Lt. Gregory L. Word, Q/AD, flew Patrol helicopter N90MP over the funeral. Cpl. Michael Hargus accompanied him. The St. Louis County Police Department's helicopter Air 2 was also part of the tribute to Sgt. Schuengel.*

The area I truly saw how big of a heart Joe had was through his dedication to taking care of his mother. Joe always told me how appreciative he was of his mother for raising him to be the man that he was. Joe wanted to be there for his mother and he wanted to be there with his sisters to make sure his mother's needs were met. Joe could have done other things with his time, but, instead, he chose to help take care of his mother. This was just another testament of how Joe would always give of himself to help another person.

I was blessed to have Joe Schuengel as a friend. I will never forget the friendly chats I had with Joe either over the phone or in person. People who have a positive attitude and always have a smile on their face have a lasting, positive effect on everybody around them. Joe definitely had that effect on those around him.

During the days, weeks, and months following the tragic death of a person like Joe, we try to understand why things like this occur. The problem is, it is impossible to come to a

complete understanding of why these things happen. It is during times like these, I am reminded of the reassurance from one of my favorite Bible passages. I know from many of our talks Joe had this reassurance, as well. John 14:1-4 says:

1. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.
2. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.
3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
4. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Now, I realize there may be many different interpretations of what and where that "place" is, but I find great peace (and I hope you will, too) knowing that Joe is in that "place" prepared for him ... a place of happiness, a place of peacefulness, where he will be taken care of ... forever.

# Sgt. Joe Schuengel: A True Gentleman

By Cpl. Michael E. Broniec, Troop C

August 1, 1993 was a hot day in Jefferson City, MO, and the 66<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class gathered in the lobby of the Academy to start a six-month endeavor into law enforcement. Among them was a tall, red-headed guy in a polo shirt and khaki pants. As time went on, the class came to know him not just as Joe Schuengel, but as he was most affectionately dubbed "Recruit Shackles" by Sgt. Ron Ryan (retired). Joe took it in stride. Joe was quite a presence with a positive attitude. Graduation came and went thus sending each new trooper a different way.

Joe's first day at Troop C was spent in a meeting with the captain, then he was off to start a new career. However, Joe was not going to leave troop empty handed. While following his FTO they came upon the old room where all the forms were stored and where the secretaries worked. (For those of you that are new, we didn't have computers back then.) It looked as if Joe was going to need a forklift to haul all the forms his training officer was spouting out that he needed ... 10 of these and 10 of those. Joe's career began in South St. Louis County/North Jefferson County. Talk about a trial by fire! Joe did his time and became an FTO himself training a new trooper named Mike Rhodes. Before Mike even graduated the Academy Joe called up there one night and asked the "charge of quarters" if he could speak to Dusty Rhodes. The CQ was confused and went to get Mike Rhodes to tell him he thought there was a call for him, but he wasn't sure. Joe called Mike "Dusty" after the professional wrestler and the name stuck. When a troop staff member asked for Mike they asked for "Dusty", because they didn't know his real name. A lasting legacy left by Joe. Joe had a funny side.

Joe was promoted to Corporal and assigned to Franklin County then moved into the pilot's position at Troop C. Joe also became a defensive



Sgt. Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel stands proudly by the Patrol's Skylane II aircraft.

tactics instructor both at the troop level and assisting in training the new recruit classes. Any of the new recruits who made his acquaintance as one of his "demonstrations" soon realized he knew what he was doing as they were thumped off the floor mats. Joe continued this as those new recruits became troopers and when the annual training arrived at Troop C they again, albeit reluctantly, became an easy target ... and Joe always did it with a smile on his face. If you were on the wrong side of the law and were dumb enough to run from or attempt to take on Joe Schuengel you learned that probably wasn't a good idea ... usually on your way to the hospital. Joe didn't know his own strength.

Joe was a man of many facets. We all knew he used to be the "gas man" at Laclede and could fix anybody's hot water heater, furnace, or air conditioner. He was always willing to help and never asked for money. He repaired a furnace for a former female trooper and he refused to take any money. She insisted and gave him a check for \$50. Well, nine months went by and he never cashed it. She called him up and

asked if he lost it or what and he stated it was in a pile of stuff to go to the bank. Joe probably didn't want it and, knowing him, probably reluctantly cashed it. If Joe Schuengel shook your hand there was no amount of money or paper contract that could replace the value of his honesty. Joe was a man of integrity.

Joe was a mountain of a man with big arms and an even bigger heart. Many have said that if they were on a traffic stop and he pulled up to help there was a sense of ease because if he was there it was like having a gladiator on your side. Joe would not only be there to help you, but he would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. We have recently learned about a man's life he saved through CPR in late August. He didn't speak about it, and knowing Joe, he probably wanted no recognition for it. Selfish he was not.

Joe wore both his flight uniform and regular uniform not only with pride, but he made the Patrol look good when he was in them. His pres-

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ence, without ever uttering a word, was enough for one to know he was confident. A few short weeks ago he did a display of the helicopter at a small aviation show. Watching the videos of the kids climbing around on it and his gentle demeanor ... you could hear as he spoke to one of the fathers what type of a guy he was. He knew his job and was willing to explain it to those who asked. Joe wasn't pretentious or arrogant.

Joe, for the last year or so, had been training another trooper, Dave Dinges, in the fixed wing aircraft assigned to Troop C. Things were progressing and as recently as the October 13 Joe said he was looking forward to having Dave do his check flight in the next few weeks in Jefferson City. He said things were going good and Dave was getting much better as a pilot. Joe was a good teacher.

On October 15, 2010, a son, brother, uncle, friend, and fellow trooper was taken much too soon. He probably accomplished more in 47 short years than most men have done in a lifetime twice as long. He was concerned for his mother and family, but as we have learned, he was also concerned about the greater good. There are many people who have many of their own stories of Joe ... funny and serious. If you only met Joe one time, knew him for 17 years as a trooper, or knew him for a lifetime you can rest assured you met a real man. Even if you were one of his "demonstrations" and left with a bruise, just know that you were in the presence of a gentleman.

Joe has passed on and all that is left are memories, photos, and videos of him. Humanity has lost an ambassador of goodwill who was a wonderful guy with a big smile. Joe Schuengel was a man worth knowing ... I am glad he was our friend.

# Joe Always Wore A Smile

*By Sgt. Jeffrey W. Paul, Q/DDCC*

I was asked to write about my relationship with Sergeant Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Aircraft Division. Joe was stationed in Troop C and was tragically killed in a helicopter crash on Friday, October 15, 2010, in St. Louis County. Joe was buried Wednesday, October 20, 2010, in St. Louis County, with a funeral befitting a hero. I sincerely believe Joe was just that – a hero.

I've known Joe for the past 15 years and had become good friends with him since he became the Troop C pilot. He served in that capacity for the last seven years. Our paths crossed many times, with his flying and my criminal investigations, in the Troop C area. We did many photo flights, manhunts, and missing persons searches together, and that gave us a lot of hours in the cockpit to talk with each other.

Joe was a huge redhead, of German descent, who barely fit into his flight suit. He ALWAYS wore a smile. Being one of the Troop C Clamp and Grasp instructors, he would always try and give you an unhealthy squeeze. Before becoming the Troop C pilot, Joe was also a member of Troop C SERT (now SWAT). During all that time, Joe was the consummate professional, treating everyone with the greatest respect and professionalism.

I will miss our talks in the afternoon when he came into the troop after flying all day. I could see he was physically tired, yet still saw the spark in his eyes because he had just finished doing what he loved: flying and law enforcement. He was a kind and caring son, brother, uncle, and friend, and I will miss him.

When I learned of Joe's death, I tried to understand it. But, I could not comprehend the magnitude of the circumstances. Joe was not only my friend, but a friend to many law enforcement officers throughout Missouri. It was a truly sad day for the state of Missouri and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

A few days after Joe's funeral, I opened a book my sister, Mary, had loaned me. It was a Tom Clancy book entitled, "Without Remorse". Mary loaned me the book weeks before and I just never had a chance to read it. I opened the book and found this inscription in the beginning of it:

And if I go,  
While you're still here ...  
Know that I live on,  
Vibrating to a different measure  
– behind a veil you cannot see through.  
You will not see me,  
So you must have faith.

I wait for the time when we can soar together again  
– both aware of each other.

Until then, live your life to its fullest and when you need me,  
Just whisper my name in your heart  
... I will be there.

I believe Joe is.



*Sgt. Jeffrey W. Paul, Q/DDCC, (right) stands with his good friend, Sgt. Joseph G. Schuengel, Troop C.*

# Anniversaries

## December

### 30 years

Cpl. Michael C. Arand, Q/GD

### 25 years

Auto. Tech. III Daniel E. Wekenborg,  
Q/MED

### 15 years

Telecom. Sandra K. Lehr, Troop H  
Auto. Tech. III Leon J. Libbert,  
Q/MED

### 10 years

Comm. Oper. II Michael D. Crase,  
Troop C  
Crim. Hist. Spec. II Tina M. Ramsey,  
Q/CJISD  
Clerk Typist III Loretta J. Meyer,  
Troop C  
CIT II Michael L. Forbis, Q/ISD

### 5 years

Crim. Hist. Spec. II Pamela M.  
Aberle, Q/CJISD  
Auto. Tech. III Adam J. Feltrop,  
Q/MED  
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Carol A.  
Kampeter, Q/CJISD

## January

### 30 years

Sgt. Danny J. Crain, Troop I  
Capt. Kevin A. Geiger, Q/DE  
Sgt. Mark D. Harwell, Troop D  
Capt. Londell Jamerson, Q/CVED  
Tpr. Bruce E. Kerr, Troop A  
Capt. Timothy McDonald, Q/Staff  
Lt. Michael V. Meyer, Q/GSD  
Capt. George E. Ridens, Troop E  
Sgt. Donald R. Tyes, Troop H

### 25 years

DE Chief Sheryl L. Curtis, Troop D  
Chief Tech. Craig D. Haugen,  
Q/CommD

### 20 years

Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Kimberly A.  
Clarkston, Q/CJISD  
MVI III Steven A. Groves, Troop D  
CVO II David W. Norman, Troop A  
Asst. Chief Oper. Timothy J. Meyer,  
Troop E  
MVI III Kimberly A. Stevenson,  
Troop C

### 15 years

Tpr. Robert J. Aubuchon, Troop F  
Cpl. Jeffrey S. Baird, Troop D  
Cpl. Bradley S. Beard, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Michael S. Belshe, Troop H  
Cpl. Stuart D. Black, Troop H  
Tpr. David S. Brenton, Q/GD  
Cpl. Norman J. Britt Jr., Troop G

Cpl. Andrew L. Bryan, Troop B  
Cpl. Danial E. Dicus, Troop I  
Cpl. Randy C. Dye, Troop E  
CIT III James R. Eggen, Q/ISD  
Tpr. Joseph D. Fischer, Troop D  
Lt. Bruce D. Fiske, Troop I  
Cpl. Christopher M. Gach, Troop A  
Tpr. Craig M. Garbulski, Q/GD  
Sgt. Derek S. Green, Troop A  
Cpl. Neil K. Johnson, Troop A  
Cpl. Darrin K. Lilleman, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Steven L. Lutjen, Troop A  
Cpl. Brent A. Mason, Troop B  
Cpl. Scott E. Mertens, Q/DDCC  
Auto. Tech. Sprv. Tracy L. Perkins,  
Q/MED  
Tpr. Anthony C. Piercy, Troop E  
Richard D. Pipkin, Troop E  
Lt. Jon C. Pruiett, Troop C  
Sgt. Timothy G. Pulley, Q/FOB  
Tpr. Jason E. Riggs, Troop I  
Sgt. Scott A. Shipers, Troop H  
Sgt. William S. Sims, Troop H  
Sgt. David K. Striegel, Q/AD  
Sgt. Andrew B. Swearingin, Troop I  
Sgt. Demond Tauber, Q/GD  
Cpl. Jason B. Trammell, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Michael T. Turlington, Troop E  
Sgt. Michael A. Turner, Troop F  
Tpr. John S. Warren, Q/GD  
Cpl. Alexander W. Whitehead, Q/GD  
Tpr. Leslie A. Wilson, Troop D  
Cpl. Michael F. Wyss, Q/GD

**10 years**

Cpl. Keith Almond, Troop E  
Cpl. Brian M. Anders, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Andrew A. Armstrong, Troop F  
Tpr. Russell B. Arnold, Troop E  
Cpl. Ryan W. Bahr, Troop C  
Tpr. David H. Brown, Troop D  
Tpr. Ronald T. Burgett Jr., Troop D  
Tpr. Dominic R. Carello, Troop F  
Cpl. Andrew F. Cheaney, Q/GD  
Tpr. Douglas S. Christmas, Q/GD  
Tpr. Jason P. Coleman, Troop C  
Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cravens, Troop G  
Tpr. Stacy J. Crewse, Troop D  
Tpr. Shawn M. Dougherty, Troop G  
Sgt. Brent J. Drummond, Troop G  
Tpr. Todd E. Erpenbach, Troop E  
Sgt. Jason C. Flanigan, Q/GD  
Tpr. William C. Fox, Q/GD  
Tpr. Brian J. Geier, Troop F  
Cpl. Carisa L. Goins, Q/GD  
Cpl. Grant H. Hendrix, Troop D  
Sgt. Bradley D. Holman, Troop B  
Special Asst. Jane M. Hull, Q/CIB  
Tpr. Benjamin C. Jones, Troop E

Tpr. Kotter J. Kasischke, Troop D  
Sgt. Brian E. Kelley, Troop A  
Cpl. Adam G. McAtee, Troop H  
Sgt. Justin L. McCullough, Troop I  
Cpl. Wesley J. Moder, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Richard D. Owens, Troop E  
Cpl. Michael A. Petlansky, Troop C  
Auto. Tech. Sprv. Gregory J. Rehagen,  
Q/MED  
Cpl. Steven M. Salfrank, Troop A  
CDL Exam. Lisa J. Thompson, Troop A  
Cpl. Danny G. Thornhill, Q/GD  
Cpl. Jeffrey M. Toal, Troop A  
Tpr. Richard A. Walker, Troop E  
Tpr. Kindel C. Ward, Troop E  
Sgt. Ricky L. Watson Jr., Troop C  
Tpr. Robert C. West, Troop A  
Sgt. Brandon M. White, Troop F  
Tpr. Joshua L. White, Troop H

**5 years**

Tpr. Elan B. Adams, Troop D  
Tpr. Joseph S. Baughman, Troop A  
Tpr. Dustin J. Berry, Troop B  
Tpr. Jonathan A. Cluver, Troop F  
Tpr. Jason M. Cross, Troop H  
Tpr. Kyle E. Easley, Troop B  
Tpr. Brett W. Emerson, Troop E  
Tpr. Douglas E. Fessenden, Troop A  
Tpr. Andrew D. Gadberry, Troop C  
Tpr. Joel E. Givens Sr., Troop A  
Tpr. Chad A. Heil, Troop D  
Tpr. Todd B. Heintz, Troop H  
CVO II Michelle A. Horn, Troop D  
Comm. Tech. II Thaddeus W. Huff,  
Q/CommD  
Tpr. Daniel J. Johnson, Troop G  
Tpr. Matthew J. Lewis, Troop B  
Tpr. Wilson S. Lieske, Troop C  
Tpr. James M. Linegar, Troop D  
Tpr. Elizabeth A. Lusk, Troop A  
Tpr. Bradley E. Maudlin, Q/GD  
CVO II Louis G. McReynolds, Troop D  
Tpr. Clinton R. Mistler, Troop F  
Tpr. Clay D. Moeller, Troop A  
Tpr. Tommy R. Morris, Troop D  
Tpr. Joseph D. Oughton, Q/GD  
Tpr. James D. Patton III, Q/DDCC  
Tpr. Chad D. Prim, Troop B  
Tpr. Adam S. Rice, Troop H  
Tpr. Matthew L. Rice, Q/GD  
Tpr. Elyse J. Ruckenbrod, Troop C  
Comm. Tech. II Jeffery A. Schmidt,  
Q/CommD  
CVO II Darcy D. Vette, Troop H  
Tpr. Andrew B. Ward, Troop D

# Class Of 1962 Gathers

*By Mrs. Barbara Baucom, Ret. Capt. Shay East, and Mrs. Jan Garrett*

This year's reunion was held in St. Joseph, MO, hosted by Myron and Janice Garrett on September 13, 14, and 15. It has been 48 years of friendship for these men and their wives. For early arrivals, Janice arranged a trip to The Quilt Shoppe in Stewartsville, MO, for the women while the men visited. Many of the wives quilt and others admire people who quilt.

That afternoon all of us went to the Remington Nature Center of St. Joseph. We were greeted at the door by a life-sized woolly mammoth ... stuffed, of course! The 10,000-year-old woolly mammoth bones excavated in Buchanan County were on display. A large aquarium, home to river creatures, led us to a beaver lodge depicting how it blocked a creek and formed a habitat for many animals. The Native American Artifacts Room had over 1,200 items on display. One of the most popular displays showed Missouri animal tracks appear and disappear before us in the sand. It was a stroll through time as we witnessed how civilization has evolved and impacted nature.

Tuesday was a trip to Conception Abbey, a Benedictine monastery. The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception is the spiritual center of Concep-

tion Abbey and Conception Seminary. It was founded in 1873. The Basilica's most distinctive feature – 22 priceless murals depicting scenes from the life of Mary, St. Benedict, and St. Scholastica grace the upper walls. These frescoes are in the Beuronese style. Painted between 1893 and 1896 by the founding monks, they are not just decoration, but a form of prayer. Brother Cyprian was our tour guide through the breathtaking Abbey. He patiently answered questions before we enjoyed mass. This was followed by lunch in

their cafeteria. Dinner that evening was at Moila Shrine Center on the grounds of a lovely golf course.

We always have fun visiting in the hospitality room at evening's close and this time was no different. Pictures were passed around, tales told, and memories re-told. It is like being in a loving family reunion with care and thought expressed many times over.

Next year's reunion will be in Hannibal, MO, hosted by Dick and Vada Terrell on September 12, 13, and 14. Janice Garrett is our historian and took the picture. Thanks to her thoughtfulness we have scrapbooks of every reunion. Such memories!



(front row, l to r) Dick Terrell, Wilda Hoffmann, Barb Baucom, Vada Terrell, Bill Patterson, Marty Patterson, Myron Garrett (host), Brother Cyprian, Marcia Cooper, Susan Collins, Jerry Collins, Anna Barnett, Linda East, Shay East, Joyce Cook, David Cook. (back row, l to r) Herb Hoffmann, Larry Cooper, and Rex Barnett.

## GHQ Radio Makes "House" Calls

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Probationary Communications Technician William J. "Bill" Brester and Communications Technician I Michael M. "Mike" Ewers traveled from the GHQ Radio Shop to Troop D recently to assist Chief Technician Warren D. Reynolds with the installation of a low band radio system in Water Patrol vehicles. This allows them to communicate with the Highway Patrol dispatchers.

*Prob. Comm. Tech. Bill Brester, Q/CommD, works with low band cable in the cab of a Water Patrol vehicle.*



# Retirements

## Comm. Oper. III Robert S. "Bob" Chaney



On October 1, 2010, Communications Operator III Robert S. "Bob" Chaney retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 29 years of service.

Bob is a native of Willow Springs, MO, and a graduate of Willow Springs High School. After graduation, he spent four years in the U.S. Army, an adventure that took him to a duty station in Germany.

On April 1, 1981, Bob began his career with the Patrol at Troop I, Rolla. In April, 1984, he transferred to Troop G, Willow Springs, where he spent the remainder of his career.

Bob is married to Christy (Brownfield), and the couple has four children: Dustin, 28, Andrew, 25, Allison, 15, and Lindsey, 9. They also have four grandchildren: Landen, Aiden, Christian, and Eliese. Bob and Christy will soon welcome their fifth grandchild.

Bob will definitely stay busy in retirement. He plans to substitute teach, remodel their home, travel, fish, pursue his hobbies, and rekindle ties with his extended family. He also says he looks forward to being able to be more active in his church, First Baptist Church, of Willow Springs, and to get more involved with the Willow Springs Rotary Club. At the top of the list, however, is to enjoy more time with his kids and grandkids.

When asked about notable events that occurred during his time with the Patrol, Bob mentions working the radio console during the siege of the CSA compound near Gainesville in 1985, and during the John David Brown manhunt near Rolla in 1987. He said both are experiences that he will never forget.

All of us at Troop G wish Bob the very best in retirement!

## Q.A. Coord. Thomas L. Grant



Quality Assurance Coordinator Thomas L. Grant, Q/CLD, retired on October 1, 2010, after more than 30 years of dedicated service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory Division. Tom graduated from Jefferson City High School. He continued his education, earning his bachelor's of science degree with a major in biology and a double minor in chemistry and education from Lincoln University in Jefferson City. He taught junior high life science and physical science for nine years before coming to the Patrol in 1979.

When Tom first began his career with the Crime Laboratory, he was a drug chemist at the Willow Springs satellite laboratory. In 1980, he transferred to Jefferson City to work in the Serology Section, which eventually became the DNA Section. The DNA Section was a newly formed section that was started mostly due to Tom's hard

work. He was chosen as one of the first visiting scientists in the FBI Lab Visiting Scientist Program in Quantico, VA. They were creating a national system for analyzing human DNA. Tom moved his family to Quantico for four months to work at the FBI research lab in 1988. There, he worked on the population data base and was trained to perform RFLP (Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms) DNA analysis. He brought his knowledge back to Missouri and became the supervisor of the Serology/DNA section, which then began validation of DNA analysis. On October 1, 1990, the first DNA case began at the GHQ Crime Lab. Techniques developed as time progressed, and in 1999, PCR (polymerase chain reaction) using STR (short tandem repeats) was developed. This is the technique currently used. In 2002, Tom was promoted to laboratory quality assurance coordinator, the position he held until his retirement.

Tom married Louise (Kirk) in 1971, and they have three children, six grandchildren, and two stepgrandchildren. His daughters are Tanya Grabbe, from Spring Hills, TN, and Tracy Klug, of Jefferson City. His son is Travis Grant, from Colorado Springs, CO. Previously, Travis worked for the Patrol. Tom's father, John I. Grant, worked as a mechanic at the Troop F Garage, retiring in 1987.

Tom said the first case he ever worked was a liquid sample from the Missouri State Penitentiary's main prison in Jefferson City. The liquid was suspected to be a homemade brew. Analysis revealed that the liquid was methanol, not the liquor the inmate intended to make.

After retirement, Tom came back to the laboratory as a 1,000-hour employee to help the lab achieve ISO Accreditation. He hopes to have time to enjoy his grandchildren, yard work, and landscaping. He also plans to have more time to practice piano, which he plays for his church.

Tom, we wish you a long and happy retirement!

# Congratulations On Your Retirement!



**L. Wayne Ream**  
Sergeant  
Q/GD

*Retired September 1, 2010  
Over 35 1/2 years of dedicated service.*



**Diana K. Klug**  
AFIS Entry Operator III  
Q/CJISD

*Retired December 1, 2010  
15 years of dedicated service.*

## Charles L. Hammond

Sergeant  
Troop F

*Retired March 1, 2010  
34 1/2 years of dedicated service.*



**Linda J. Bunyard**  
Latent Technician II  
Q/CJISD

*Retired October 1, 2010  
Over 16 years of dedicated service.*



## Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

### 40 years ago

*January 1971* – The superintendent wrote about the previous year. He talked about the Patrol's tragic loss of Troopers Gary W. Snodgrass and William R. Brandt, both of whom were killed in the line of duty in 1970. He also mentioned that 15 retirements occurred the previous year. He updated readers regarding the construction of the Law Enforcement Academy. The colonel wrote about the Patrol's part in security for the National Governors' Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

### 35 years ago

*December 1975* – Sgt. R. Truman Wood, Troop B, submitted a story about "Mike", who spent the night in the headquarters' lobby. Mike was a 20-year-old

parrot traveling with his owner. When she became ill during her trip, she stopped at Troop B for assistance. While she was in the hospital overnight, her parrot did not lack for attention from Troop B employees. He was pretty quiet until he saw his owner the next day. Turns out, he had quite the personality and a repertoire of "tricks".

### 30 years ago

*January 1981* – Sgt. L.R. Roberts wrote a story about a tractor-trailer hauling 40,000 pounds of processed meats being involved in a crash where the vehicle burned. The driver had been thrown clear, but was injured. A billfold, personal papers, and a loose twenty and one dollar bills found scattered around the scene of the crash were given to the driver at the

hospital. The driver indicated there had been a \$100 bill. Sgt. Roberts returned to the scene to look, and found the \$100 bill lying under a roll of sausage!

### 20 years ago

*December 1990* – Sixteen Patrol employees were activated for Operation Desert Shield. Troopers D.A. Callaway and R.L. Renken received the Red Cross Certificate Of Merit after they administered life saving cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to a man for approximately 15 minutes while waiting for paramedics to arrive.

### 10 years ago

*January 2001* – Tpr. Clint Dill delivered his own grandson. His daughter couldn't reach her husband, so Tpr. Dill and his wife were transporting her to the hospital when they had to pull over for the delivery. Thirteen CVOs were commissioned. Cpl. Gary Braden and CVO Ricky Talbert affected a traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of 335 pounds of marijuana.

# That's A Wrap!

## Early Morning Tip Yields Cocaine Stash

By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D

Corporal Thomas L. Hall ... I can just imagine him snuggled in his bed, sound asleep, dreaming of the Iowa Hawkeyes football team. The score is tied 21 to 21 and there are 15 seconds to go. The Hawkeyes have possession of the football on a fourth down and goal. The quarterback keeps the ball and runs around the left end. He leaps into the air and rrrrrrrrrring. His telephone rings. The quarterback's phone rings?

No, Cpl. Hall's phone rang. It's Sergeant Daniel P. Banasik, Q/DDCC, and it is also 2 a.m. He told Cpl. Hall that he had received a tip that a vehicle believed to be involved in the transporting of drugs was at a local hotel in Mt. Vernon, MO. Cpl. Hall realizes the football scenario was just a dream, but the possibility of catching a drug runner was the reality of the day.

Thus, Cpl. Hall found himself operating stationary radar on Interstate 44. When he observed a vehicle traveling 65 mph in a 50 mph construction zone, Cpl. Hall exited the median and caught up to the vehicle. When he did so, he noticed it had the same license plate information provided for the suspect drug car.

Cpl. Hall performed a controlled stop near I-44 and Glenstone Avenue. He approached the driver's side, made contact with the driver, and noted there was a female passenger to his immediate right. The driver presented a Mexican driver's license and produced Arizona vehicle registration. Cpl. Hall requested the driver sit in the patrol car while he confirmed his status.

The driver could not produce any paperwork evidencing his legal right to be in the United States. He, in fact, admitted being here illegally for the past nine years. The driver stated he was going to St. Louis to see his passenger's family. For some reason, he did not know her last name.

Cpl. Hall contacted the passenger and asked where she was going. She said that she was going to St. Louis to visit some friends. She didn't know where they lived, and her phone was dead. She would have to call her friend in Phoenix to get directions. On top of all this, she didn't know the driver's last name.

Cpl. Hall asked for and received permission to search the vehicle for anything illegal. He then asked them to follow him to Troop D, so the search could be done more safely.

The vehicle was searched at the Troop D garage. While the vehicle was raised in the air, Cpl. Hall observed that the vehicle's drive shaft had a strange weld on the end of the shaft. Cpl. Hall asked Auto. Tech. II Tyson C. Getman to remove the shaft for inspection.



*These bundles of cocaine were seized after a traffic stop.*



*Auto. Tech. II Tyson Getman used a chop saw to sever a drive shaft. His work revealed 12 pounds of cocaine.*

## CJIS SECURITY UNIT FORMED

In July 2010, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Criminal Justice Information Services Division launched its Security Unit. The CJIS Security Unit consists of the information security officer and two additional staff members. The goal of the Security Unit is to provide a single unit within the Missouri State Highway Patrol to oversee computer and information security. This unit will also be a single point of contact for all agencies for questions regarding the FBI's CJIS Security Policy and computer/information security. The unit will be developing policies and procedures based upon the FBI Security Policy, industry standards and best practices. Mr. Steven White was hired as the information security officer. He has over 15 years of experience with computer information systems and computer and information security.

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Cpl. Hall then requested Auto. Tech. II Getman drill a hole in the shaft. He carefully drilled a hole in the driveshaft, and as it broke through the steel casing, Auto. Tech. II Getman felt an object in the shaft that should not have been there. He continued drilling and then pulled the drill bit out—it was covered with a white powder. Touch down!

Testing of the white powder indicated the presence of cocaine.

The driver and passenger were read their Miranda rights and placed under arrest.

The yield was 12 individual bundles of cocaine in the shape of the cylindrical drive shaft. The total weight was approximately 12 pounds.

# Deaths

## Roy R. Bergman



Roy R. Bergman, 75, of Jefferson City, MO, died Monday, September 27, 2010, at the University Hospital, Columbia, MO.

Roy was born November 5, 1934, in DeSoto, MO, the son of August J. and Susanne L. (Guettler) Bergman. He was married on February 22, 1953, in DeSoto to Frances F. Pinson.

Roy was a 1952 graduate of DeSoto High School. He was a 1968 graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico, VA, and a 1975 graduate of Lincoln University with a degree in criminal justice administration.

He was a retired Missouri State Highway Patrol captain with over 37 years of law enforcement experience. After a brief military career in the United States Army, Roy joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol, working his way from trooper to director of the Research and Development Division. He spent time as an instructor and assistant director of the Training Division, as well as serving as commanding officer of Troop F, Jefferson City. After retiring, Roy was named the interim chief of police of the Wentzville, MO, Police Department until a permanent chief could be retained. Roy has been teaching firearms-related classes to law enforcement officers for over 30 years.

*"I was a friend and an admirer of Roy for 40 years. I first saw Roy while I was a member of the St. Louis Police*

*Department pistol team. After seeing Roy shoot, I asked one of my teammates, "Why are we here?" After moving to Jefferson City in 1971, we became friends ... [Roy was] a master marksman, a physical specimen, a devoted father, a caring husband, and a great role model for all the young troopers that came under his wings. He was and will always be the poster of the perfect trooper. ... In an occupation of brave men, Roy stood out ... He was my hero. I always looked up to him," Mr. George Minze, Jefferson City, retired marshal, 19th Judicial Court.*

Roy was a member of the First Baptist Church where he sang in the choir, was a Sunday school teacher, and youth sponsor. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge; Moolah Temple, St. Louis; the National Rifle Association; and the Wears Creek Yacht Club.

Roy was a very active person who enjoyed snow skiing, playing power volleyball, and running. He loved the Lord, singing in the choir, and his dear friends in the Irwin Sunday Class. Roy loved to laugh and to make people laugh. Roy also loved guns, shooting, and people who shared that love. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife while teaching firearms classes. More than anything else in this world, Roy loved being with his friends and family-making precious memories.

Survivors include: his wife of 57 years, Fran Bergman; four daughters: Sue Logston (and her husband, Mike), of Jefferson City, Laura Bergman Pintcke (and her husband, Ted), of Overland Park, KS, Tracy Bergman Choisser (and her friend, Darrell Lueckenhoff), of Jefferson City, and Kelley Kuensting (and her husband, Gary), of Jefferson City; his twin sister, Joy Steiner (and her husband, Norman), of Mesa, AZ; one brother, Warren Bergman (and his wife, Joyce), of Florissant, MO; his sister-in-law, Shirley Bergman, of Florissant; nine grandchildren: Caleb Logston

(and his wife, Edie), Seth Logston, Kelsey Logston, Rachel Israel (and her husband, Matt), Audrey Pintcke, Sarah Miller (and her fiancé, Kelly Tannehill), Amy Miller, Kayla Jones (and her husband, Casey), and Suzie Kuensting; seven great-grandchildren: Cadie Logston, Alayna Logston, William Logston, Ellie Israel, Ariana Miller, Xavier Jones, and Jayda Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Emma Jean House, in 2008; and one brother, Colonel Arthur Bergman, in 2002.

Rev. Dr. Doyle Sager officiated a funeral service on September 30, 2010 at the First Baptist Church, Jefferson City. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis, The Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society (The MASTERS), or the First Baptist Church.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Bergman family.

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# Remembering Roy Bergman

By Capt. G. Paul Corbin, retired

Forty-four years, five months, and 15 days ... that's how long I knew Roy Bergman. That's 44 years, five months, and 15 days of Roy Bergman jokes, stories, and legends I can tell. This has the makings of one of the longest eulogies in Patrol history. Maybe we should be thinking about providing breakfast.

The reason I know when I met Roy (he and I have talked about it many times over the years) is because of the circumstances. I was a new trooper attending my first troop meeting in Troop C on or about April 15, 1966. Our troop commander at the time was a legend himself—Captain W.S. "Wild Bill" Barton. Having been in the troop only about two weeks, I knew that new troopers were to be seen and not heard. "Wild Bill", class of 1939, was a big, grizzled, tough, no-nonsense type of trooper who could cuss like a sailor as the need arose and who had an innate ability to put the fear of God in those who dare cross him. Frankly, I was scared to death of the man.

Wild Bill had the floor and was discussing his impending radar policy for the troop. Trooper Roy R. Berman showing no fear of the man (I guessed it was because he already had a single star on his left sleeve indicating at least five years of service), got into a rather vocal (some would describe it as heated) "debate" with the captain on his impending policy. I was impressed with Roy due to his picture book trooper looks—tall, broad shouldered, ramrod straight, and square-jawed with creases in his uniform that you could slice bread with. However, I was more impressed with his unflinching questioning of our intimidating troop commander's policy. I remember saying to myself at the time, "That guys got balls, fortitude."

Our friendship grew from that first meeting and on through the many years we served together at the Patrol's Training Academy in Jefferson City where Roy taught firearms. A lot has been said about Roy's shooting abil-

ity. There is a myth that Roy could put six rounds in a gnat's eye at 100 yards while blindfolded and shooting with his weak or off hand. Well, let me set the record straight. It's no myth. I saw him do it—he made me hold the gnat.

Roy was always attending to the needs of others regardless of the circumstances. Being in this church reminds me of one such time. Roy was sitting in this large church congregation next to a couple that he knew. They were accompanied by their young son, who was maybe five years old at the time. Roy was seated next to the boy, so he took it upon himself to entertain the lad and try to keep him quiet during the special church service. Roy said he had showed the child his ink pen and then his watch, but he could see the boy's interest was waning. So, Roy, lacking anything else to amuse the youngster with, decided to show him his tongue.

Now, let me explain: Roy had a tongue of Biblical proportions. It was not long, but it was very wide. When he stuck his tongue out and flattened it between his lips it looked like a nine-inch pancake protruding from his face. Well, anyway, he showed the boy his tongue and it so impressed him that he hollered out at the top of his five-year-old voice, "Mom! Mom, look at that man's tongue!" His exclamation coincided with a quiet time in the church service, so that everyone heard the child and turned to look at the man who was sticking his tongue out at the little boy.

They say, "Behind every great man is a great woman." Roy had it made. Behind him were five great women, his wonderful and loving wife, Fran, and his four adoring daughters: Sue, Laura, Tracy, and Kelly. I want to thank them for sharing this great man with us for all these years. Thank you so much.

*(This was one of the eulogies shared at the funeral of retired Capt. Roy Bergman. It was delivered by retired Capt. G. Paul Corbin on September 30, 2010, at the First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, MO.)*

# Deaths

## Robert L. Gentry



Mr. Robert Lee "Bob" Gentry, 69, of Marshfield, MO, died Tuesday, October 2, 2010, at his home.

Bob was the son of Claude Elmer and Johnnie Opal (Eslick) Gentry. He graduated from Marshfield High School. Later, he earned a degree in law enforcement from Drury University. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and had retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Bob retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 33 years of dedicated service. He began his career as a driver examiner in 1965, in Troop C, Kirkwood. After seven years, he transferred to Troop D, Springfield. Mr. Gentry was promoted to Driver Examiner III in 1974, and assigned to the commercial driver's license testing in Strafford, MO. He also worked for Prime Trucking Company Inc.

Bob was a member of the American Legion Post #142.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Deborah; two sons: Brian Gentry (and his wife, Abby) and Brad Gentry; a grandson, Samuel Gentry; an aunt, Chrysteen Eslick; and five special cousins, Loretta Morris, Peggy Miller, John Eslick, Lloyd Lee Eslick, and Ray Dean Evans.

Graveside services, with full military honors, took place on Friday, October 15, 2010, in the Marshfield Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Fraker Funeral Home, Marshfield.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. John's Hos-

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# Deaths

## Gentry

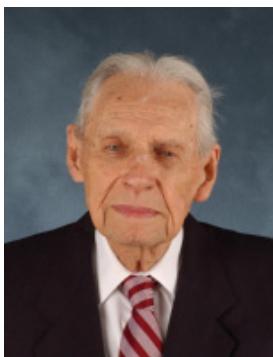
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pice in care of Fraker Funeral Home, P.O. Box 85, Marshfield, MO 65706.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Gentry family.

*(This story is a compilation of information from Fraker Funeral Home and a Patrol News article [March 1999]. Used with permission.)*

## Walter E. Wilson



Walter E. Wilson, 100, of St. Joseph, died Sunday, October 3, 2010, at a local health care facility. At the time of his death, he had the distinction of being the oldest living retiree of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Walter was born on October 4, 1909, in Sedalia, MO, to George and Hildred (Elliott) Wilson. He married Orpha Yates on August 8, 1937, in Helena, MO. They were married for 60 years before her death on December 4, 1997.

Walter was a member of the first class at Smithcotton High School in Sedalia, MO. He enjoyed sports and was captain of the high school football team. After attending Maryville College for two years, hard times struck, so he went to work full time. Walter worked for Medal Gold Ice Cream and then Rainbow Bread Company before becoming a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper.

He worked for seven months in the Bureau of Identification at General Headquarters in Jefferson City. He

began recruit training on December 14, 1942, as a member of the Patrol's 6th Recruit Class. His first assignment was Troop F, Lebanon, MO. In a 2005 interview, Walter said, "During the time I was on the road, I worked train wrecks, airplane crashes, bus crashes, and regular accidents ... fatalities and all." One assignment was with Sgt. Hugh Waggoner (who would be colonel twice) at the Bagnell Dam. The troopers spent two days, 24 hours a day, watching the dam to see if the water would go over. Every 15 minutes they provided an update through Patrol channels to the governor. Fortunately, the dam held.

After a year in Lebanon, Walter transferred to Chillicothe. In 1954 he was promoted to sergeant. Walter spent three weeks in Jefferson City because of the penitentiary riot. He also responded to riots at Lincoln University (Jefferson City), Warrensburg College, and Maryville College. Twice, he went to Kansas City because of riots. When the Patrol took over the Boonville School for Boys, Walter was assigned there for 35 days. "The Patrol fired all of the employees down to the janitor. My assignment, along with another trooper, was in the dairy. I was placed in charge for the time I was there. They hired people who took our place." (Walter Wilson, 2005 interview.) He attended the Missouri State Fair for 15 years of his career, and worked many football games over 12 years. In 1963, he was promoted to lieutenant.

After 27 years of dedicated service, Walter retired in 1969. He then took a job with the Missouri State Parks for two long summers (April to October) as a park ranger. He kept watch over eight state parks in Northwest Missouri. When Orpha retired from nursing, Walter retired. They traveled all over the United States and visited several foreign countries.

"I always took a lot of pride in the Patrol. I loved my work," said Walter during the 2005 interview. "I hated to retire. People asked me after I re-

tired if I'd go back. For years, I said, 'Sure, right now.' I loved every aspect. I worked with some awful nice, good men."

Walter was a member of the Wyatt Park Christian Church, the Association of Missouri State Highway Patrol Retirees, and The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society).

In addition to his wife, Walter was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James. Survivors include his daughter, Robin Wolff, of New York City, NY; his son, Roger Y. (and his wife, Gayle) Wilson, of Carrollton, MO; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Wyatt Park Christian Church. Cremation was handled under the direction of Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel. At the family's request, Walt's ashes were transported from the funeral home to the burial site by patrol car.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest sympathy to the Wilson family.

*(Information for this story was gathered from Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel and "To Serve & Protect, A Compilation Of Memories". Used with permission.)*

## Charles L. Clawson



Charles L. Clawson, 84, died on October 15, 2010, at the Missouri State Veteran's Home, Cameron, MO. He

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# Deaths

## Clawson

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was born September 7, 1926, in Bethany, MO, the son of Sena and Alice (Kemp) Clawson. On May 14, 1947 he was united in marriage to Willmina Faye Stanton.

Charles was a retired commercial vehicle enforcement officer with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was employed as a weight inspector in October 1967, and retired on January 1, 1989, after 21 years of dedicated service. During his career, he was assigned to Troop H, St. Joseph, and Troop H, Bethany.

He was a member of the Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, Bethany; VFW Post #2176, Bethany; and was a former member of the Noel T. Adams Ambulance District Board of Directors. Charles was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Army. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Willmina, of the home; one daughter, Pat Williams (and her husband, Timothy), of Spokane, WA; a grandson, David Clawson Williams, also of Spokane; a brother, Bobby Dean Clawson; two sisters, Wilda Melton and Shirley Christianson, all of The Dalles, OR; several nieces and nephews—including a special niece, Diannie Constable (and her husband, Gene, and their family).

Funeral services took place on Tuesday, October 19, at the Roberson Funeral Home in Bethany. Burial with military rites took place in Foster Cemetery, New Hampton, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to the Morris Chapel Church in care of the Roberson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 46, Bethany, MO 64424.

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## Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel



Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel, 47, of St. Louis, MO, died in a helicopter crash on Friday, October 15, 2010, at approximately 11:10 a.m. Sergeant Joseph G. Schuengel, a pilot assigned to Troop C, Weldon Spring, was returning to Spirit of St. Louis Airport after completing an aircraft speed enforcement operation in Jefferson County. The Bell Jet Ranger helicopter he was piloting crashed near the intersection of Clarkson and Kehrs Mill Road, in St. Louis County. Sgt. Schuengel died at the scene.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at Hoffmeister Colonial Mortuary, St. Louis. The funeral mass took place on Wednesday, Octo-

ber 20, 2010, at the Catholic Basilica, St. Louis.

Joe is survived by his mother, Georgiana Schuengel, and three sisters: Barbara Azzam, Suzanne Shoemaker, and Adrienne Miller, all from the St. Louis area. The family requests memorials be sent to The MASTERS (Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society), 5287 Highway 67 North, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901.

Joe was born on February 8, 1963, in St. Louis. He graduated from Bishop DuBourg High School in St. Louis, in 1981. Joe attended Ranken Technical Institute in St. Louis, from 1981 to 1983, and earned a certificate in refrigeration, heating, and air conditioning technology. He began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on August 1, 1993, as a member of the 66th Recruit Class.

After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, Joe was assigned to Troop C, Zone 4, St. Louis and Jefferson counties. He was promoted to corporal in 1998. He became Troop C's pilot in 2003. Joe was promoted to sergeant in 2008.

He was a 17-year-veteran of the Highway Patrol and had been a Patrol pilot for seven years. Sgt. Schuengel is the 29th member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to die in the line of duty.

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Sgt. Shannon W. Crouch (D) - father  
Sgt. C. Kenny Wakefield (Q/DDCC) - father  
Ret. HR Mgr. Mel Fooks - mother  
CDL Exam. Aud. Bryant Fooks (F) - grandmother  
CIT III Michelle J. Fooks (Q/ISD) - grandmother  
Admin. Office Support Asst. Dee A. Kempker (F) - father-in-law  
Tpr. Jasmine D. Whittler (C) - father  
Lt. Roger D. Whittler (Q/HRD) - brother  
DE Sprv. Danny L. Hendricks (D) - mother  
Lt. Steve P. Davis (I) - mother-in-law  
Ret. Lt. Col. Morris E. Patrick - father  
Comm. Oper. II Rhonda G. Krinke (G) - mother  
CVI Feryl S. Myers (A) - mother-in-law  
Comm. Oper. II Christopher Nicholson (H) - stepgrandfather  
Telecom. Sandra K. Lehr (H) - father-in-law  
Prob. Comm. Oper. Stacey A. Rucker (H) - grandmother  
Ret. Capt. E. Dwight Hartung - mother  
Capt. Gregory K. Smith (Q/FOB) - grandmother  
Assistant Director Debra A. Bax (Q/CVE) - father  
Ret. Capt. James G. Watson - father-in-law  
Ret. Cpl. Roger Y. Wilson - father and father-in-law  
Tpr. James D. Patton (Q/DDCC) - father-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. F.C. Howard - mother-in-law  
Admin. Office Support Asst. Leigh Ann Jacobs-Stokes (Q/AD) - father  
DE II Darla L. Conway (I) - grandmother  
Tpr. James E. Conway (I) - grandmother-in-law  
Sgt. Terry L. Mast (D) - father  
Tpr. Ronny L. Mast (G) - father

## ~ Thank You ~

Thank you to our Patrol family for the many cards of sympathy, and your thoughts and prayers following the passing of my wife, JonAnn.

*Comm. Training Oper. Roger D. Martin, Q/CommD, and family*



Our family would like to thank everyone in the Patrol family for the kindness that was shown to us after the loss of our baby girl, Madelyn Hope Henry. We appreciate the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, and all those that attended the visitation and funeral. The financial support that was given to us was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We will always remember the support we were given by the Patrol family.

*Cpl. Andrew A. "Andy" and Mrs. Kim Henry, Troop H*



Dear Patrol Family,

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, thoughts, and prayers following the passing of my mother. Also, thank you to the people who attended the visitation and funeral.

*Sincerely,  
DE Supervisor Danny L. Hendricks and family, Troop D*



Our family would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, calls, and prayers upon the death of our grandmother and mother, Laura Hartung. It meant a lot to all of us.

*Capt. Gregory K. Smith, Q/FOB, and family  
Ret. Capt. Dwight Hartung and family*



The family of John D. Whittler Sr. would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their support after the loss of our father, brother, son, and friend. The thoughts, cards, prayers, visits, phone calls, and other acts of kindness will always be remembered, and we are eternally grateful to have such caring people in our lives. The outreach from the Patrol continues to comfort us as we move forward and remember John Sr.

*Tpr. Jasmine D. Whittler, Troop C  
Lt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/HRD*



Thanks to everyone for the calls, cards, concerns, and prayers for my son-in-law Zach Shockey. He has fully recovered from the accident and is doing well. I am honored to be a part of the Patrol family.

*Chief DE Sherry Curtis, Troop D*



Thanks to all the MSHP retirees for attending the 2010 retiree luncheon! We had 101 in attendance. A big thanks to all who donated door prizes. A special thanks to my committee for all their work in making the luncheon a huge success: retired Colonel Fred Mills, Fount and Wanda Foushee, Betty Kerrick, and Robert and Dottie Stockdell. Our goal for next year will be 110 attendees. I look forward to seeing you then!

*Retired DE Sprv. II Ruby P. Williams*

## January

**Jan. 17**

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**
- **Tpr. K.L. Poynter** died in 2002.

**Jan. 18**

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## *Criminalist Goes 'Over The Edge'*

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

Criminalist III Jason W. Crafton, Q/CLD, went "Over The Edge" recently ... No, not jumping ... rappelling from a 10-story building!!

It's no secret that Patrol employees are avid supporters of Special Olympics Missouri. Jason, who has participated in the Polar Bear Plunge for a total of six years, heard about the "Over The Edge" event at the Law Enforcement Torch Run kickoff earlier this year.

"Since I'm the representative for the Crime Laboratory Division I attended the kickoff," Jason explained.

He admits that he is not fond of heights, but felt this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and it also helps Special Olympics.

"We practiced on the back of the building, which was about three stories tall. That went really good," he said about his experience. "However, getting over the edge of the top was a little difficult. I just kept telling myself not to look down and to trust the rope."

Jason raised \$1,070 in donations for his "Over The Edge" experience. The Columbia event raised \$23,255, all of which will help Central Missouri's

Special Olympics' athletes. There were three such events in Missouri, which raised a total of \$146,345.

Jason has decided he won't participate in future "Over The Edge" events; however, he does plan to continue "freezin' for a reason" with the Polar Bear Plunge.

*Great job, Jason!!*

*Crim. III  
Jason Crafton prepares to rappel for Special Olympics.*



*Keep going!  
You're almost there!*